



City of Alexandria

Transportation Commission

Regular Meeting

January 6, 2010
7:30 p.m.
City Hall, Room 1101

MINUTES

*Audio recordings of each meeting are available on the Commission website:
www.alexandriava.gov/transportationcommission*

Commissioners Present: Jayme Blakesley, Mayor William D. Euille, Donna Fossum, Keith Freihofer, Jesse Jennings, Sean Kumar, Jennifer Mitchell, Kevin Posey

Staff Present: Rich Baier, T&ES, Karen Callaham, T&ES, Yon Lambert, T&ES, Abi Lerner, T&ES, Pat Mann, P&Z, Sandra Marks, T&ES, Jim Maslanka, T&ES, Karl Moritz, T&ES, Maria Mercedes-White, T&ES

1. Minutes

Chairman Kumar began the meeting by reviewing the December minutes. Commissioner Fossum requested that page 4, item 4 of the December be corrected to insert “of” between “consideration” and “any.” There being no further corrections to the December 2, 2009 minutes, a motion to approve the minutes was made, seconded and unanimously approved.

2. Funding Update

T&ES Deputy Director of Transportation Abi Lerner announced that to improve communication and understanding of the transportation funding process, staff will provide monthly funding updates to the Commissioners regarding City, State and Federal transportation bodies, actions and funding. Staff Yon Lambert presented a memo and spreadsheet that provide summaries of City, State, and Federal funding. Mr. Lambert described the process of how the Transportation Commissioners give staff guidance in the fall by formulating the City’s unconstrained Long Range plan and constrained CIP plan. The memo provides additional monthly updates.

3. Transportation Management Plans (TMP) Revisions

Staff Sandra Marks gave an overview of TMP programs. The City’s TMP was adopted as part of the current Zoning Ordinance in 1992. A TMP program has elements such as a coordinator, carpool spaces, and subsidizes transit fares, ridesharing, staggered flextime programs, and parking management. TMP programs are intended to encourage non-SOV

travel. Staff Jeff Farner described the planning processes of new development in the TMPs which includes minimizing free parking, establishing maximum parking spaces, establishing correct land use and density, and transportation infrastructure. There are approximately 70 TMPs in the City that collect approximately \$3.5 million annually. All of the TMPs are Special Use Permits (SUP) that go to the Planning Commission and City Council for approval. For existing SUPs, staff is examining incentives to encourage participation in the revised program. The TMP programs have challenges and staff meetings are ongoing to fine tune the TMP program to revise the existing zoning ordinance to implement within the small area plans.

4. Staff Updates

Long Range Plan (LRP) – Staff Sandra Marks described the LRP matrix in which additional items have been added. The plan has been divided into three categories: Projects, Programs and Studies. The Projects are ranked from high to low priority; Programs and Studies are not ranked. Ms. Marks asked for input from the Commissioners. The final LRP will be used for the fall round of transportation recommendations to City Council for inclusion in the CIP process.

Potomac Yard Plan/Metro Feasibility Workgroup - The workgroup held its final meeting on December 14. A working draft of the plan and recommendation are available on the City's website.

Beauregard Corridor Plan: Interchange Justification Report (IJR) – Staff has been working closely with the BRAC Advisory group to coordinate this plan with BRAC access. The first meeting was as a public hearing format allowing residents to share issues, concerns and ideas. A transportation workshop is planned for January 20.

Potomac Yard Planning Advisory Group - The advisory group is finalizing recommendations for this plan. The next advisory meeting is scheduled for February 4.

Strategic Planning - The strategic planning public hearing process has been completed. The plan could be adopted by City Council early 2010.

Complete Streets - A memo on Complete Streets was provided and discussed. The Commission appointed a subcommittee to review potential code changes. Jayme Blakesley and Kevin Posey will serve on the subcommittee and will report back to the Commission in March or April.

5. Commission Updates

Because of staggered terms, the Commission will hold an election of officers in February.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Fossum and Commissioner Mitchell seconded the motion.